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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 22ND, 1910.

Following upon the announcement of the
Indian Budget proposals for obtaining additional
revenue on account of the inevitable
shrinkage in the revenue from opium, it was
only to be expected that the Press of India
should be found calling attention to the
uncertainty which still exists regarding the
progress China is making towards the
fulfilment of her promise to stop the
cultivation of the drug within the limits of
her Empire. There are no reliable statistics
available which would show at a glance what
had been accomplished at a given date, and
the latest report by the British Legation at
Peking, published towards the end of last
year, was not of a nature to dispel the
suspicion prevailing in India that the opium
cultivator in India is abandoning his
traditional form of livelihood in pursuit of
what may after all prove a chimera. In the
next two years the area under opium
cultivation in India will be reduced by
nearly thirty per cent, and in the meantime,
in the absence of official statistics in China,
the hesitancy shown by the people and Press
of India to accept the mere statements made
on China's behalf regarding the progress so
far made in suppressing the cultivation of the
oppy in China, is certainly excusable.Though it is now, some months since the
report of the British Legation went Home, there
is no news of the acceptance of the
suggestion it contained that two members of
the Indian Service should be appointed to
make a tour of investigation in the opium-
growing districts of China and report upon
the subject. Meanwhile we can only form
our opinions on the subject from the in-
formation casually coming to hand from
private correspondents, or contributors to
newspapers, and in this connection we may
pertinently call attention to two extracts
which we reproduce in this issue from the N. C. Daily News, of Shanghai, regarding
the measures which have been taken in the provinces of Szechuan and Yunnan, which as
producers of opium have heretofore stood at
the top of the list. One correspondent, who
has travelled for nine hundred miles in the
province of Szechuan, reports that he did
not see a single poppy plant, though his
route lay entirely through areas formerly
devoted to poppy. From Yunnan the report
is not so satisfactory, but on the whole there
is not much room to doubt that China has
made quite as much progress towards the
suppression of opium cultivation as India
has done—if not still more. The im-
portant consideration, it seems to us, is as
to whether the progress made in China is of
a permanent character. From the first there
has been the feeling that the enthusiasm of
the Chinese Government would prove but
temporary; and that it would evaporate
as soon as the people who were deprived of
their means of livelihood rose up in revolt
against the action of the Government, or as
soon as the treasures in the opium-growing
provinces began to suffer to any serious
extent from the extermination of an industry
which had been one of the main supports of
the administration. But it is worthy of
remark that though it is incontrovertible
that very substantial progress towards the
extermination of the poppy has been made
in China, we have heard surprisingly little of
anything in the nature of organised protests.
It may be contended that it is too early yet
to say that no trouble is likely to occur, but
we are inclined to think that what has been
accomplished by the governing authorities
has been sufficient to bring any latent
opposition to a head, and the conclusion
forces itself upon us that the whilom
cultivator of opium must have peace-
fully turned to the cultivation of other,
though far less profitable, crops. Singu-
larly little, too, has been heard about the
effect of the change on the public revenues
of the opium-growing provinces. Yet
China cannot make such a revolutionary
change any more than India without feeling
the pinch somewhere. In India the general
taxpayer has had to bear the financial burden
of the moral regeneration of China. Possibly in China it is the dishonest official
class that will bear it. That we hear so
little in China about how it affects the
taxpayer suggests that so far no serious
extra burden has been imposed, and it
may be that the improvements effected of
late in the financial administration of the
Empire counterbalance the loss of revenue
from opium. The Board of Finance is obtain-
ing now a power of control over the fiscal
arrangements of the provinces which must
make for the greater purity of the administra-
tion. India, at the bidding of the Imperial
Government, is making a sacrifice which
is not, we fear, adequately appreciated
by China. "One is bound to wonder,"
remarks an Indian contemporary, "if
history will ever afford another parallel to
the position of the Indian Government
with regard to opium. For years past it has
been one of the principal sources of revenue,
and yet it is being sacrificed in the interests
of another Power. It is a striking testimony
to the integrity of the Empire that the
pledge should have been given, or that
having been given it should now be fulfilled
to the letter." It is to be hoped that this
lesson is not altogether lost on China.A number of children lost or kidnapped have
been reported to the police within the past few
days.H. E. Sir John Jordan, the British Minister
at Peking, will be leaving for Home on April
2nd, travelling via Siberia.At the last meeting of the Kulangsu (Amoy)
Municipal Council the appointment of Miss M.
Krausen as visiting nurse was approved.Hongkong returned a clean bill of health
for the week ended on Saturday, not a single
case of communicable disease having been
reported.The German Minister to China, H. E. Count
Ex, is expected shortly to visit Hongkong and
Canton, and will afterwards proceed to Tsingtao
en route for Peking.At a meeting of the Board of Directors of
the China Realty Company, Ltd., Shanghai, last
week, it was decided to recommend that a divi-
dend of 15 per cent. be paid for the year 1909.The total output of the Chinese Engineering
and Mining Company's three mines for the
week ending 5th March, 1910, amounted to
22,749.23 tons and the sales during the period
to 25,232.32 tons.

TELEGRAMS.

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A RIOT IN GREECE.

LONDON, March 21st.

It is telegraphed from Athens that
five hundred peasants smashed the
windows of a train near Larissa.Troops were called out, and they
fired on the rioters, killing five and
wounding 15.The outbreak was due to an
agitation among the peasants directed
against Musselman landholders whose
expropriation the Greek Chamber is
now considering.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

THE OPPOSITION TO MR. SPEAKER
CANNON.

LONDON, March 21st.

The House of Representatives
adopted by 191 votes to 135 a
motion eliminating the Speaker from
the Rules of Committee.A motion by a Democrat to depose
Mr. Cannon evoked an uproar, but was
rejected by 191 votes to 155.The result of the debate, however,
has broken the power of Mr. Cannon.[Mr. Fowler, of New Jersey, a Republican
of the Speaker's own household of faith, introduced
a bill to reorganize the Committee on Rules by
striking off the Speaker entirely, adding four
Republicans and one Democrat instead of two
Democrats and two Republicans, with the
Speaker, as it is now. This would make the
committee consist of six members of the dominant
party to three of the minority party. The
comment of an American paper is—"Bad
enough for the minority, apparently, but it
would be at least the rule of an elected majority
against the present autocratic rule of a Czar."]A Dairen resident posted a letter to Leith,
Scotland, on 30th January last. Twelve days
later, that is, on 11th February, a reply to this
missive left Leith and arrived at Dairen twelve
days later, viz., on the 23rd, making a total of
only 24 days between the posting of the letter
to Scotland and the receipt of a reply at Dairen.
We (*Hanoverian Daily News*) do not know if
this is a record for fast postal service, but it is
certainly another indication of what celerity the
international system is capable of attaining.A speedy arrest was effected at Hunghom
the other night. Sargt. O'Sullivan was wakened
from his sleep by the blowing of police whistles
in Wuk Street, and, proceeding to the place,
found a man who had been caught trespassing
in a house. He was taken into custody, and it
was learned he had returned from banishment.
On being brought before the Magistrate yester-
day he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment
for being found on the premises without
permission and to six months' imprisonment for
returning from banishment, and in addition six
hours in the stocks.HONGKONG AMATEUR BILLIARD
CHAMPIONSHIP.The first meeting of the committee who are
responsible for the arrangements for the forth-
coming championship was held at the V. R. C.
last night. The draw for the first and second
rounds resulted as follows:First Round,
Monday, April 4th.Mr. Cooper plays Mr. Phillips, "A"
Mr. McLean plays Mr. Haly, "B".Second Round,
Tuesday, April 5th.Capt. Baker plays Mr. Height
Mr. Rosa plays Mr. Bush.

Wednesday, April 6th.

Mr. Melvin plays Mr. Bishop

Mr. Lashbrook plays Wimber "A"

Thursday, April 7th.

Mr. Slaten plays Wimber "B"

Mr. Yvanovich plays Mr. Cameron

Friday, April 8th.

Mr. Thackstone plays Mr. Leung

Mr. Carvalho plays Mr. Pitt

THE FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES MCKIE.

A very large number of sorrowing friends
met at the Old Cemetery, Faishanmen, Shanghai,
to pay their last respects to the late Mr.
James McIE, and so large was the attendance
numbering upwards of 200 people—that
the Chapel in which the service was held was
too small to accommodate all who were present
and many had to remain outside during the first
portion of the service. The coffin was com-
pletely hidden under a mass of beautiful wreaths
which had been sent by the numerous personal
friends of the deceased as well as by the repre-
sentatives of the Clubs, Societies and Companies
of which he had been a member. The burial
service was impressively read by the Rev. A.
J. Walker, M.A., and when the first portion
was finished the coffin was carried to the grave
by Messrs. L. Camara, B. A. Clarke, A. K.
Cradock, J. E. Greson, W. F. Inglis, E.
Macgregor, H. D. Morrison, and Capt. George
Payne, preceded by chief mourners—Messrs.
D. Landale, W. C. Murray, L. Midwood and
H. D. Bain.Among those present at the graveside were
representatives of Consular Body, H. M.
Supreme Court, the Municipal Council, the
Municipal Police, the Municipal Electrical
Department, the Shanghai-Nanking Railway,
the Shanghai Club, Country Club, Race Club,
and Cricket Club, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., and all the principal firms in Shanghai.THE BANDMANN OPERA
COMPANY.The brilliant success achieved by the Band-
mann Opera Company with "The Arcadians"
attracted a crowded house last night to witness
the Company's first performance of "Our Miss
Gibbs." Though we think those who have
seen the Company in both pieces would state a
preference for "The Arcadians," that is saying
nothing in dispraise of "Our Miss Gibbs,"
which is a most delightful piece, and the Com-
pany played it with unequalled success, and
fulfilled the highest expectations of those
present. The audience were roused to a
great height of enthusiasm, and all the
marks of cordial approval were lavishly
bestowed. Of the usual musical comedy type,
"Our Miss Gibbs" depends for its unparallelled
success on the spirit and energy which the mem-
bers of the Company infuse into their work.
This is especially true of the principals, whose
witty dialogue and banteries keep their
hearers in the best of spirits throughout. The
choral work is exceptionally well rendered and
the solo are both amusing and pretty. The
scenery is a revelation to theatre-goers here, and
seldom has a piece been better mounted in
Hongkong than last night's production. A
very effective shop scene in the first act was
kindly dressed by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

THE ORIGIN OF TYPHOONS.

A most interesting and valuable little treatise
on this vexed question has been written by Mr.
John I. Plummer, M.A., Chief Assistant at the
Hongkong Observatory, and is now published
by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. Mr. Plummer
remarks that the main drawback to the
science of Meteorology has ever been that it
concerns itself with an enormous amount of
petty detail (climatic Meteorology) to the
practical exclusion of theory and of the
wider features of the science. This exceedingly
interesting treatise indicates very clearly how
much is likely to be gained by a study of such
wider features as the greater movements of the
atmosphere. The theory Mr. Plummer advances
is a novel one, but it is strongly supported
by the circumstantial evidence he adduces. The
conclusions at which he arrives are set out as
follows:1st. That the earliest beginnings of typhoons
must be sought for on land, and not at sea.
2nd. That the great currents which have
their birthplace in the Salween, the central parts
of Asia, the plateau of Mongolia, and perhaps in
the interior of northern Australia, must not be
neglected in the meteorology of the world because
they are small, and are not felt at the
surface. They must reach the sea level at some
time and place, and then produce results comparable
with the intensity of the forces to which
they owe their existence.3rd. That one typhoon is never the cause of
another, and that if a succession of them is
seen to proceed from one limited area at intervals
of a few days, as it is well known they are
very apt to do, they are caused by separate
impulses impressed on a permanent or slowly
moving zone which we may, perhaps, call the
meteorological equator of the globe.4th. That a typhoon once formed does not
tend to coalesce with another, but, on the contrary,
rather repels it, and in the final result the one
becomes intensified, as it were, at the expense
of the other.Finally, that once the actual condition of the
whole of the world becomes thoroughly known
there will be no difficulty in understanding the
origin and mode of working of these devastating
storms, and, although it sounds more like a
dream than the sober anticipation of science, so
to turn the superabundant energy of the sun to
beneficial account to mankind, that even such
unusual disturbances may become more suave
and gentle in their operation.The arguments in support of these conclusions
are very clearly and concisely set forth, and it is
no exaggeration to describe the treatise as a most
valuable contribution to scientific knowledge of
the subject. We have great pleasure in drawing
the attention of the public, and especially
the seafaring community, to its publication.

BUFFS SPORTS.

The results of preliminary events up to date
are:Long Jump—1st, Sgt. Dray; 2nd, Pte.
Elliott; 3rd, Pte. Coleman.High Jump—1st, Ptes. Coleman and Elliott;
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Browning; 3rd, Pte. Hawkins.Tug of War—D. C. C. scratch to C.;
G. heat A; F. C. C. scratch to B; E. heat B.Heats (Privates) 220 yards—1st, heat, Boy
Wright; Ptes. Wood and Wood; 2nd heat, Ptes.
Jabett, Wilkins and Sonster; 3rd heat, Ptes.
Coleman, White and Taylor. Corporals, 1st
heat, L. Up. Judd, L. Cpl. Blown, Cpl. Double.
2nd heat, L. Cpl. Guest, Read, Cowan and Kepp
(tie). Sergeants, 1st heat, Sgts. Dray, Walsh,
and Pte. Read; 2nd heat, Sgts. Kelly, Cooper, Prior.
Half miles—1st, Cpl. Andrews; 2nd, C.
Cpl. Read; 3rd, Lee, Cpl. Kepp.Throwing Cricket Ball—1st, Pte. Honckham,
100 yards; 2nd, Pte. Cloke; 3rd, Pte. Chapman.

A SINGAPORE ENTERPRISE.

Two Englishmen have started an extensive
poultry farm on 35 acres of land near Singapore
and have imported a number of pedigree prize
birds, including minnows, leghorns, and hondans.
All the hatching down is done by incubators
and brooders. Hundreds of chickens are
being reared, the eggs being the size of those at
Home. The farm has a

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, March 21st.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(PUNISH JUDGE).

PERJURY CASE ADJOURNED.

The case in which Kwan Yuk Chuen stands indicted for perjury was adjourned.

Mr. Ebdon Potter (instructed by Mr. F. Page) Hett (of Messrs. Bratton & Hett), who appeared for the defendant, asked that the case be allowed to stand over until next Sessions. He had two good reasons for making this application. In the first place it was absolutely impossible for him to be ready for trial on the day the Crown desired to take the case, Thursday next, as this was a very heavy case, and a very important one. The man was committed only last Thursday. Counsel first saw a copy of the indictment on Friday, and he knew it would be impossible to be properly fitted for trial.

His Lordship—I don't think I have seen the indictment myself yet.

Mr. Potter said there was another reason. He was engaged in another case, as his Lordship knew. The Chief Justice had put off another criminal case in order to facilitate all the counsel engaged in it, but apart from that altogether, he could say positively that it would be impossible, as far as he was concerned, to be in a position to defend the accused properly on Thursday next.

The Attorney-General said he could not consent, but asked if it would suit his learned friend if the case were taken after the Conspiracy case next Wednesday week.

Mr. Potter did not see what objection there could be to the putting off of this case until next Sessions, subject to his Lordship's consent. The prisoner was on bail, and none of the parties would be in any way injured.

His Lordship—if taken after the Conspiracy case you will have several days.

Mr. Potter—I am still in a predicament. I mentioned to your Lordship that I am in the Administration action.

His Lordship—Most counsel are in the Administration action, but at any rate the leader is also in the Conspiracy case.

Mr. Potter—When the Chief Justice ceases to take the Conspiracy case he will sit in the Administration action. That is my difficulty. I am absolutely bound in the Conspiracy case, and I consider I am also bound to Mr. Hett.

His Lordship—Has your leader another junior in the Conspiracy case?

Mr. Potter—The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai. But I have to play a fairly important part in that case, even after the other case ends.

His Lordship—In that case I think it had better stand over. The bail can be renewed.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Wong Yau and five others were indicted on a charge of armed robbery and receiving at Lam Nai Wan on February 7th. Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. A. E. Crappell (foreman), A. Jashard, A. J. Carter, W. H. Wirth, J. D. Osmond, J. Quinn and O. Meyer.

The Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazelton, Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and prisoners were undefended.

The Attorney-General informed the Court and jury that the six prisoners were charged with committing armed robbery at three houses at a place called Lam Nai Wan, near Tytan Tuk. The evidence against the accused was that they entered these houses armed with knives and choppers, and robbed the inmates of clothing, jewellery and money. This armed robbery took place on February 7th at 5 p.m. Shortly afterwards information was given to the police, who were sent out from Shaukiwan. At 7.20 the police found the whole of the six men coming from the direction of the village, and all of them, except the fourth prisoner, were found in possession of some of the stolen property. Witnesses would be produced, who would be able to identify a number of the prisoners. As regards the fourth prisoner, although no property was found on him, he was with the gang, and would be identified by at least four of the inmates.

After evidence for the Crown had been tendered, the prisoners made statements.

The first said—I asked the old man for a dollar or two for the new year. He said he had not got it, but would let me have some clothing. Then I left, and when near Shaukiwan, met the police, and was arrested. I don't know the customs in Hongkong. I am a farmer from the country.

The second stated—I went to look for a neighbour of mine, who was in a stone quarry at Stanley. In the eleventh moon he met me and said he was coming home with me for the new year. Then on the 28th day of the 12th moon I went to the stone quarry to look for him. He said he was not coming home, as he had not any money, but he told me to go home by myself, and he gave me a clock to pawn at Shaukiwan. When on my way to pawn the clock I met the police and was arrested. They told me not to run, as I had been committing armed robbery.

The third—I did not go to commit armed robbery. I went to the stone quarry to look for my elder brother, but as I couldn't find him I came back. Then I met an old man, who told me not to go, so I stayed. He said, "I am asking people for money; you wait, and I will come with you." We went away together, and he gave me a jacket, a pair of trousers, and a brass watch, saying he handed them over.

"You need not be afraid, you can take them away, and if anybody asks you, say they belong to you." When we got along the road we met the police, who searched us and found the things on me. They asked me where I got them, and I told them straight.

The fourth—I was looking for a classmate in Stanley, but found he had gone home for the new year, so I came back. When at the gap above Shaukiwan I met the police, and they told me not to go. They searched my person, finding nothing on me but a red girdle and fifty loose copper cents as well as \$1.60 in five cent pieces. I had a pair of garters on, and 100 cents. Then I was thoroughly searched when I got to the Police Station, and nothing was found on me.

The fifth—I live in Shaukiwan, Shaukiwan. At twelve o'clock an old uncle asked me to drink tea, and I went with the sixth prisoner. After drinking tea uncle asked me to go with him and get money. As we went he gave me three pieces of clothing. The three of us went out together, met the police, and were taken to the Police Station.

The sixth—I also live in Shaukiwan, Shaukiwan. The old man formerly lived in my place. He owed me \$2 for rent, so when I met him in Shaukiwan drinking tea I asked him for the money, and he told me to go with him and get it. I went with him and he gave all these things to me. I don't know what he was doing.

The jury, without retiring, returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

His Lordship sentenced the first prisoner to five years, and each of the others to three years imprisonment with hard labour.

The Attorney-General—I don't know whether your Lordship could set your way to command the conduct of Constable Sullivan in this case. He seems to have effected a brilliant capture.

His Lordship—Yes, he acted with great promptness and decision.

The Attorney-General—The Assistant Superintendent of Police is present, and I would ask that he bring it to the notice of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

LARCENY.

Ho Tuk was arraigned on charges of larceny from Mrs. MacNider and Mrs. Sutherland of Kowloon. Prisoner pleaded guilty.

His Lordship—Was he employed at the house at the time?

The Attorney-General—No. He had been employed there, and left on January 11th.

His Lordship—What is the total value of the property stolen?

The Attorney-General—About \$1,212.

Prisoner was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Chu Kam was indicted on a charge of armed robbery at Laichikok. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and his case was heard by the same jury.

The Attorney-General stated that the prisoner was charged with committing an armed robbery at Laichikok with two others not in custody. The prisoner and his accomplices set upon the complainant and pressed him down. At this stage the robbers were seen by a number of people, and ran away. Unfortunately for the ends of justice, the other two got away, but the prisoner tripped while running, and was captured. He proposed to call a doctor to show that the complainant was very badly wounded.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and prisoner was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Lui I was indicted on charges of feloniously and unlawfully taking away and detaining by force a child under the age of fourteen years.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were called:—Messrs. A. C. Doss (foreman), C. P. Pinto, O. Wagner, W. E. Rose, H. W. Page, S. Paul and G. B. dos Remedios.

The Attorney-General said the prisoner was charged on two counts with robbing a female child of the age of twelve. The girl was missed at 6 p.m. on the 27th of last month, and was found at 7.50 p.m. on the same date on the steamer *Kuang Sui* in the possession of the defendant. His version of the story was that this girl followed him, but she stated that the defendant actually dragged her away. It would be a matter for the jury whether they believed the prisoner's statement or the girl's. The child was given to the female complainant by her mother, who was a cousin of the male complainant.

The prisoner in his statement said the girl he found him had been ill-treated. The female complainant formerly kept a brothel, which she had sold recently.

In view of this statement his Lordship withdrew the case from the jury until the Attorney-General had had an opportunity of making inquiries. The hearing will be resumed on Thursday morning.

ALLEGED ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Young Sam and three others were arraigned on a charge of robbery with violence at Gough Street on February 16th. Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the same jurors sat as in the previous case.

The Attorney-General stated that the four prisoners were charged with robbing two women at 11, Gough Street, on February 16th. The complainant's story was at 12.45 p.m. she was outside her cubicle when eight men came up and asked for a woman, whom they named.

Complainant said there was no such person there, and then one of the men seized her by the throat, dragged her into a cubicle, and relieved her of two pairs of gold bangles and one pair of coral bangles mounted with gold. There was another woman in the kitchen at the time, and she also was assaulted. The only evidence against the four prisoners was the evidence of identity of the first witness. She went down to Macao boat, and pointed out the first defendant as one of the men. Afterwards, when the second, third and fourth defendants were arrested she identified them. The question for the jury was as to whether they were satisfied as to the evidence of identification.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoners were discharged.

The Sessions then adjourned.

HAMBURG LETTER.
WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY NEWS."

February 25th.

TRADE IN 1909.

From the annual report of joint stock companies published so far and the dividends declared or proposed by others it appears that during the past twelve months has on the whole been remunerative. Banking business especially seems to have been satisfactory and the dividends in many cases do not exceed those of the previous year. It is in a great measure due to the low rate of interest ruling during the greater part of the year. Renewed activity in the issue market, however, made up for it, and the Bank rate in Berlin and London, which, with the object of preventing the drain of gold to the United States and the reaccumulation of wild speculation, had been raised to 6 per cent. in the winter, has once more been reduced to a more normal level. Fresh loans of all kinds and descriptions are being put on the market, and an increase of their capital by the issue of additional shares is announced by more than one banking and industrial company, the latter being further evidence of the expansion of trade and the increasing demands on their resources. Our leading banks have not as yet published their annual statements, but it is generally believed that they will prove satisfactory and that dividends equal to, if not above, those of last year will be distributed. The National Bank für Deutschland in Berlin is paying 6 per cent. against 5 per cent. last year and the Berlin Handelsgeellschaft 9 per cent. against 9 per cent. Nothing has transpired so far concerning the Deutsche Bank, the Deutsche Gesellschaft and Dresden Bank in Berlin. Taking some of the banking establishment in other parts of the country at random I find that the Badische Bank in Mannheim is paying 5½ per cent. against 7 per cent. last year; the Württemberg Notenbank in Stuttgart 5 per cent. against 6 per cent.; the Deutsche Vereinsbank in Frankfurt 6 per cent. against 6 per cent.; the Münchener Bankverein 4½ per cent. against 5 per cent., and the Lübecker Gewerbe Bank 6 per cent. against 6 per cent.

The returns of companies engaged in the woollen industries denote increasing prosperity; other branches do not seem to have done as well, but most of the large cotton mills have declared substantial dividends, though not in all instances equal to those of last year, which is all the more remarkable, as the enormous advance in the value of the raw material and the violent fluctuations that accompanied it, whilst the prices of yarns and goods followed the upward movement, most reluctantly placed the production of yarns in a most difficult position. Judging by the dividends declared or estimated of other industrial concerns, it is decided improvement in the state of trade can hardly be denied. This is further proved, as I have already pointed out in some of my previous letters, by the renewed activity in the shipping business. The Hamburg America Line has not held its annual meeting yet, but it is generally understood that a dividend of 6 per cent. may be looked for, whilst the addition of two new steamers of 15,000 tons reg. each, the *Cincinnati* and the *Cleveland*, assigned to the New York service, is unmistakable evidence of an increase in the traffic, more especially as the company has ordered a large passenger steamer, or, to be more correct, is negotiating with the Vulcan Works at Stettin for one of 45,000 to 50,000 tons burthen to measure in length about 800 feet, and to be built in the new dockyards now in course of construction on land acquired by the recently-opened Hamburg branch of the Stettin concern on the other side of the Elbe. The size of the boat will necessitate the lengthening of the dry dock, which was originally intended to measure 200 metres to 240 metres.The *Altentury*, having been destroyed by fire in the port of Havannah, no longer appears in the list of steamers; the total fleet of the company now consists of 163 ocean-going steamers of an aggregate of 850,000 tons. The North American service comprises eleven lines starting from Hamburg, Stettin and Genua to different ports of the States and Canada that to New York being, of course, the most important. Fifteen different lines constitute the West Indian, Cuban and Mexican service, ten of them sailing from this port and four from New York, a fifteenth, the West-Indian Intercolonial line, connecting the various lines with each other. The Brazil service, a northern, middle and southern line, are worked in conjunction with the Hamburg South American Company, as are also the services between Antwerp and the River Plate and between New York and the Brazilian ports.

The traffic between Hamburg and the ports on the west coast of America is carried on jointly with the Hamburg Kosmos Company, the steamers calling at all the important places as far north as San Francisco and Puget Sound.

The chief line to the East is that to China, Tientsin having now been included in the ports of call. Besides this the company has established a service between New York via the Suez Canal to those parts and maintains, moreover, seven coasting lines. The East Asiatic line on which four steamers of the Hamburg America Company were employed, has been discontinued at the expiration of the charter. The steamers *Shanghai*, *Tingtau*, *Tsifoo* and *Tientsin* are now so timed as to be in immediate correspondence with the trains of the Siberian Railway on their arrival in Dalmat.

Ten lines run to the coast of Africa, which are worked together with the Woermann Line. Besides the ocean services there are several regular lines between this and other European ports, amongst which a tug service to the Rhine and passenger boats to the health resorts in the North Sea in summer.

The tourist traffic is gaining in importance every year; there were twenty departures to the North and the Mediterranean during the past year, and excursions to the West Indies and South America are now to be included in the programme.

The Nordentzschle Lloyd is likewise said to have been most successful last year in recovering much of the ground lost in the one before, but, as the reserve funds had been nearly exhausted, the surplus will have to be applied to those accounts, and the payment of a dividend to the shareholders can therefore hardly be expected.

The recent conclusion of a provisional agreement on the tariff question with Canada is hailed with satisfaction, and it is hoped it may shortly lead to the signing of a commercial treaty for a certain number of years.

SHANGHAI COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE CHINA FLOUR MILL CO. LTD.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held last week at Shanghai. Mr. A. McLeod presided, and in the course of his speech mentioned that "Sunday Creditors" stands at Tl. 217,935.07, representing, chiefly, the overdraft with the Company's bankers, December 31, 1909, and is covered by stocks valued at Tl. 218,216.47. All stocks of flour, bran, etc., have since been disposed of at prices above those at which they were valued when stock-taking, "Bills Payable," Tl. 4,053.76, have since been taken up, and represent cost of grain, etc. etc. The Profit and Loss Account shows a balance in our favour of Tl. 42,547.96, which the Directors proposed to deal with as specified in the report, viz.:—

Profit as per agreement. 2,414.28

Machinery 3,000.00

Pay Dividend at the rate of Tl. 3.00 per share. 18,000.00

Carry to Reserve 10,000.00

" forward to new Account 233.68

Tl. 42,647.96

SHANGHAI AND HONGKEW WHARF CO. LTD.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited, was held at the office of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., last week. There were present: Messrs. D. Laudale (Chairman), H. A. J. Murray, A. McLeod and C. W. Wrightson, directors; Messrs. D. Laudale (Chairman), H. A. J. Murray, A. McLeod and C. W. Wrightson, directors; Messrs. J. M. Young, Barnes, Moss, F. A. St. Croix, D. Glass and O. S. Harff.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

After referring to the loss sustained by the death of Mr. J. McLeod, the chairman proceeded—The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and with your permission we will take them as read. I am sorry to say the year's working shows a further falling off in our earnings, which is due to the dull state and consequent greatly reduced volume of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was necessary, and this has since been provided. There has been, however, no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed out that we had been turning away cargo, and that

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FRIDAY, 25th March.

SATURDAY, 26th

MONDAY, 28th

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [438]

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [439]

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910. [440]

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [43]

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1910. [418]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

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THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [369]

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [370]



ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE Installation of WOR. BRO. THOMAS FEEDERICK HOUGH as District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C. will take place at a SPECIAL MEETING of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE to be held at the MASONIC HALL, Zetland Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 24th March, 1910, at 5 p.m.

The Installation Ceremony will be performed by WOR. BRO. BRO. SIR C. PAUL CHATER, Kt., C.M.G., District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1910. [371]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB (1896 issue, \$100.00 each) was held in the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, on FRIDAY, the 18th March, when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:

10 441 318 1193 1643
18 505 637 1322 1668
22 534 844 1345 1670

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90 642 850 1372 1715
118 715 897 1381 1825
126 733 918 1404 1843
128 737 938 1405 1855
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233 755 1098 1494 1903
234 771 1122 1496 1961
260 778 1150 1503 1978
333 817 1166 1578 1983

and will be paid at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on THURSDAY, the 31st March, 1910, in Exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

JAMES CRAIK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1910. [424]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 2nd April, 1910, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Devonians wishing to attend are requested to send their Names to—

M. S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [426]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established Ourselves as IMPORT and EXPORT MERCHANTS, STEAMSHIP AGENTS, COMMISSION AGENTS, &c., at 25, Des Voeux Road Central.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [433]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Appointed MR. ARTHUR NILSSON as our SOLE MANAGER for Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [378]

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STUBBORN COUGHS
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WEAK LUNGS

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CONSUMPTION

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE CITY OF LONDON AND MR. ROOSEVELT.

It is expected that on the approaching visit to England of Mr. Roosevelt, the Corporation of the City will offer him a public reception in the Guildhall. For a step of this kind, says the *Times*, there is the precedent of General Grant, who after his Presidency visited the Metropolis and received the honorary freedom of the City in a gold box in recognition of the distinguished ability with which he had governed his country and the eminent services he had rendered to the cause of civilization by maintaining amicable relations with foreign nations. The presentation was made in the Guildhall on June 15, 1877, at a State luncheon, at which the then Lord Mayor (Sir Thomas White) presided.

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840 MILES IN A DAY.

An Englishman visiting Interlaken jumped into a local cab on January 18th, and told the driver to take him to Cannes, on the Riviera. The astonished driver got down from his perch and doubtfully examined his "fare." "It is all right," said the Englishman, "this is my name and address" — producing a pocket-book full of banknotes — "and I want to drive to Cannes, so hurry up." The driver pointed out that it was a very long journey, and that if the Englishman was in earnest he was quite willing, though he must obtain an extra horse. The Englishman agreed, and the long drivestarted. The carriage passed through Geneva, Grenoble, across the Jura Alps, over deep snow, through Lyons and Marseilles, and arrived safely at Cannes on February 1st, after having covered over 840 miles in fifteen days. The Swiss driver was handsomely paid by the Englishman, and after giving his horses a rest at a hotel, started on his journey back to Interlaken, where he recently arrived. He states that it was the longest, most interesting, and best paid drive he has undertaken in his life, and that he would be glad of more Englishmen on the same terms.

COST OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

The revised official estimate of 1908 for the construction of the Panama Canal places the cost of actual construction at 213,671,000 dollars, to which are to be added certain general items for roads, building and repairing houses, contingencies, and railroad expenses amounting to \$4,995,000 dollars, in all, \$297,766,000 dollars. The estimate of the Board in 1906 was: Cost of actual construction, \$16,421,000 dollars, to which was added 20 per cent, or \$3,284,200 dollars, representing general items; in all, \$19,705,200 dollars.

Neither of these estimates included the cost of sanitation, civil administration, and payments for franchises, as authorised by the Spooner Act of June 23, 1902. In the estimate of 1908 these three items are placed at \$20,653,000 dollars, \$3,782,000 dollars, and \$5,000,000 dollars; in all, \$74,355,000 dollars. This, added to the estimate above, will make the total cost of the canal \$75,200,000 dollars, (\$75,040,200). Against this estimate a credit of \$15,000,000 dollars is allowed on account of municipal improvements in Panama and Colon, loans to the railroad company, and miscellaneous receipts, but no account is taken this time for any allowance for salvage from the plant upon completion of the work.

EMPRESS EUGENIE'S DREAM OF HAPPINESS.

The *Matin* last month published an interview which the Italian journalist Signor Antonio Scarfoglio claims to have had with the Empress Eugenie at Naples.

"Between my past and present (the ex-

Empress is reported to have said) there are not only fifty years but quite ten centuries. What can I say, and to what purpose? I had a dream, and it was a great dream for the country which had welcomed and embraced me as sovereign. But this dream is dead — killed by destiny — and I have wished, and I wish to disappear with it.

"I am a poor woman who has lived much and suffered much. At present I seek peace and quiet, and oblivion in a tranquil corner of the world with beautiful flowers and brilliant sunrise where my soul may be dissolved little by little, mingling with sky and sea, thus dying before my weary body."

"I have loved France too much not to endeavour with all my strength to forget her."

The Empress would not speak of her son.

"I am one as walking backwards" she said, "facing the horizon which he has already crossed. I have renounced the future. I live in my youth and my past. All else is but a shadow — a dark shadow."

"I resemble older trees. They, too, like myself, live on the remembrance of their past beauty. But they are awaiting the spring, whereas I no longer have anything to expect. Even my sad winter is drawing to a close."

CONFESSOR OF AN APOSTLE OF MATERIALISM.

Higher education in America is attacked as wasteful and harmful by Mr. Richard T. Crane, multi-millionaire manufacturer of Chicago, father of Charles R. Crane, who was recalled as American Minister to China a few months ago because of an interview that affronted Japan. Crane's views on education appear in a book he has published at his own expense, "College professors and teachers" says Mr. Crane, "are prepared to give advice on all subjects. As £200 a year teachers they tell us how to turn out £1,000 and £2,000 a year business men. Isn't it a bit strange, that it never has occurred to these smart college fellows to go into business for themselves? Why draw a small salary for telling young men how to draw his salaries if you are capable of drawing the big salary yourself. Higher schooling does not make other brains or ability. And as these are the only things that count in any of life's activities, what use can we have for the higher schools? It is conservative to estimate that the expense of higher education in America must be at least £20,000,000 a year. And this enormous sum is literally thrown away, much to the injury of the country and its people. "This vast waste of money means blood drawn from the people, blankets taken from their beds, food from their tables, coal from their cellars, clothing from their backs — all in the line of sacrifice on the after of higher education. If the professors can tell us how to raise corn or build bridges or dig tunnels or run factories or manage stores, then in the name of common sense let us give them a chance to show us how these things should be done."

**PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA
IN LONDON.**

ANGLO-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE.

A deputation from the Anglo-German Friendship Committee was received by Prince Henry of Prussia at the German Embassy on the 22nd, to present an address welcoming his Royal Highness to England. The address was read in a gold box in recognition of the distinguished ability with which he had governed his country and the eminent services he had rendered to the cause of civilization by maintaining amicable relations with foreign nations.

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| VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSAILLES | Capt. B. A. Peters | March | |
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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| TIENTIN | HUICHOW | On 22nd Mar., 10 A.M. |
| MANILA | AMOY, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO, KWEIYANG | On 22nd Mar., 4 P.M. & NEWCHWANG |
| SHANGHAI | ANHUI, CHINHUA | On 24th Mar., 4 P.M. & CHINHUA |
| MANILA | TEAN | On 27th Mar., D'light |
| SHANGHAI | CHENAN | On 29th Mar., 3 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI | LINAN | On 31st Mar., 4 P.M. |
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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| DESTINATION | STEAMERS | DATE OF SAILING. |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS | "YEDDO" | On 26th March. |
| SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE | "TRANQUEBAR" | Middle of April. |

For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 16th March, 1910.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
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| KOBE | "ONSANG" ... | Tuesday, 22nd Mar., Noon. |
| MANILA | "YUENSANG" ... | Friday, 25th Mar., 4 P.M. |
| SANDAKAN | "MAUSANG" ... | Monday, 28th Mar., 4 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI | "FOOKSANG" ... | Friday, 1st April, Noon. |
| MANILA | "LOONSANG" ... | Friday, 1st April, 4 P.M. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | "KUTSANG" ... | Monday, 4th April, Noon. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | "KIMSANG" ... | Friday, 8th April, Noon. |

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| "HAIYANG" | SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW. | TUESDAY, 22nd Mar., at 10 A.M. |

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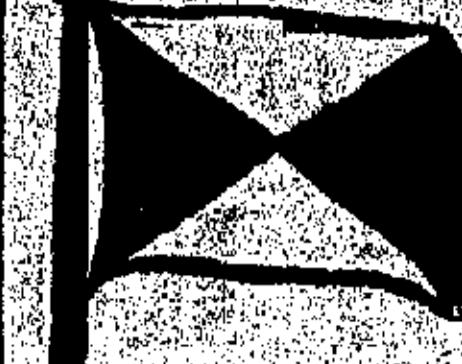
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Hongkong, 19th March, 1910.

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|-----------|------|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| ZAFIRO | 2540 | R. Rodger | Manila | On 26th Mar., Noon. |
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| FOR | STEAMERS | LEAVES |
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| ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY | "SOSHU MARU" | WED'DAY, 30th Mar., at 10 A.M. |
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| STEAMERS | |
| ANHUI, British str., 1,325. | J. B. Harris, 20th March—Shanghai 17th March, General—Butterfield & Swire. |
| ANTUNG, Norwegian str., 904. | Ole O. Danileisen, 7th March—Chinkiang 2nd Mar., Grumants—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co. |
| AXEMIC, British str., 2,789. | J. Boyd, 18th March—Puget Sound 13th March, General—Doddwell & Co. |
| CATHERINE, Danish str., 2,648. | Kruse, 19th March—Singapore 11th March, General—Melchers & Co. |
| CHIYU MARU, 7,250. | Japanese str., 19th March—Manila 4th March, Horn, 14th March—Copenhagen 13th March, Co—Chinese Engineering & Co. |
| TACOMA MARU, Japanese str., 6,178. | H. Yamamoto, 6th March—Manila 4th March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha. |
| TAISHAN, British str., 1,140. | J. F. Laing, 5th March—Hongkong 3rd March, Coal and General—Bradley & Co. |
| TAMING, British str., 1,350. | G. H. Pennefather, 16th March—Manila 13th March, Horn, 14th March—Copenhagen 12th March, Co—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co. |
| TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,340. | R. E. Matheson, 19th March—Sagam 15th March, General—Butterfield & Swire. |
| TINGSANG, British str., 1,045. | R. Y. Anderson, 17th March—Dahli 11th March, Coal—Jardine Matheson & Co. |
| TRINTAL, German str., 1, | |

